

Stephens County 4-H

Pipeline

April 2011



ARE YOUR CAMERA'S READY

Photography competition is just around the corner and I hope that you have been shooting some pictures. We have some new categories this year and changes as to how the pictures will be submitted. Classes include People, Wildlife Animals, Domestic Animals, Marine/Aquatics, Elements of Design, Nature/Landscape, Plant/Flora, Details & Macros, Digital Darkroom, Theme (Clover), Night Photography, Food, Dominant Color, and a Catch All category. Pictures this year will also be sent to the district office on a flash drive so **don't print out your pictures!!!** I need for you to bring your photos on one of the following: your photo card, a CD, or a flash drive. We will then transfer your pictures on the office flash drive that will be sent to the district office. **If you could have your entries in our office before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30,** that would give Shelley time on Thursday March 31 to transfer your pictures and get them in the mail. They have to be in the District office the following Monday. I'm looking



Sewing in Fashion

Several girls from our 4-H club have taken up a new hobby – sewing garments. Classes began at the Extension office in late January. The girls have worked on pot holders, pillow cases, and one week met at Wal-Mart to learn about the sewing department and choose material for a garment.

4-Hers will be able to model their garments they have constructed at a county fashion show and then will advance to the district competition in Bowie on April 16th. Girls sewing are Courtney Spoon, Maggie Bates, Savannah Oliver, Arin Knight, Grace Nicklas, Elizabeth Lobstein, and Jordan Crenshaw. All parents as well as myself are proud of these girls accomplishments!! Good luck at the district competition!!

Beef Quiz Bowl

We will be putting together a Beef Quiz Bowl Team this spring, if you are interested in participating let us know at the office so we can put your name on the list. **Practices are going to be on Monday and Wednesday from 4-5 p.m.** The contest for this event will be on May 4 in Vernon. If anyone is interested in coaching a Horse Quiz Bowl Team or participating in one, please contact Leslie.

STATE FAIR LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION

Anyone interested in exhibiting a lamb or goat project at the

State Fair of Texas please turn in your tag order and **\$8.00 fee** to the Extension office, before **April 12, 2011**.

The fair is requiring a state validation similar to the other Major shows. There will also be a validation for swine projects. Validation for these animals will be during the month of June, set up at the validation committees convenience.

Late tag orders will cost \$25 / tag, plus shipping.

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2011-2012 Steer Validation

4-H and FFA Members planning on exhibiting a steer project at any of the Major Livestock Shows in 2011 and 2012 need to notify Leslie Neve by April 12, 2011. All major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H /FFA Steer Validation Program and identified appropriately with an official Texas Steer Tag, nose print, hair sample (DNA), and tattoo. Stephens County steer validation will be held on June 22, 2011 beginning at 7:00 a.m.

at the Lake Country Animal Clinic.

Please turn in the number of tags you would like ordered and the **\$8.00 fee** the Extension Office by **April 12, 2011**. Late entries will be \$25/tag plus shipping, so order early!

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Have you started to day dream about summer?

Or make summer plans?

We don't forget about 4-H Camps.



Anyone interested in attending a 4-H Camp? We have tons to choose from, 4-H can offer a camp in just about anything you are interested in. In fact, there are too many even to list, but all you have to do is give me a call and we will assist you in finding a camp to attend this summer. Whether you are interested in attending a traditional camp, a range camp, livestock camp, fashion show camp, sportfish camp, horse camp, water sports, Bobwhite Brigades, the list is endless, one of us in the office will be happy to assist. There is a short list with deadlines of just a few that we have current information and deadlines on. Remember 4-H will pay 1/3 the cost of any 4-H associated camp you want to attend within the state.

Showcase Your Projects!

Believe it or not, record books will soon be due again!! This is not the record book that is due for stock shows but the detailed one that focusing on one main project. Books will be sent to the district office for judging. **District judging will be held on Thursday, July 7th**. I need to know who is entering and get you submitted by **Thursday, June 30th**. To help you put together a better record book project, we will have a record book workshop at the Extension office on **Tuesday, June 7th at 2:00 p.m.** At the workshop we will show you how to create an interesting story that enhances your project as well as how to place pictures and complete forms. Your final record book will be due to the county office by 5 p.m. on **Monday, June 20th**. This will give the agents time to review and get back to you if there are any corrections. If you have any questions, contact Janet or Leslie at the office, 559-5513 or 559-2313.

4-H CONTESTS IN FULL FORCE

Stephens County 4-H members are working hard to prepare for District 3 4-H Contests that will take place this spring. Many have already judged at several contests this winter, in preparation for the spring contests.

Dates of upcoming contests:

Range, Grass ID, and Soil Judging	March 31	Breckenridge
Horse Judging	April 7	Vernon
Livestock Judging	April 7	Vernon
District Round-up	May 4	Vernon
Horse & Beef Quiz Bowl	May 4	Vernon

If you are interested in being a part of any of these teams please contact us in the office we will be happy to assist you.

After School Party with 4-H

Agents are tentatively planning a party to celebrate school being out for Thursday, June 2nd at the city park. We are attempting to reserve the city pool so bring your swimsuits and be ready for lots of games and fun. More information as we get it but I hope that you will go ahead and mark your calendars to join us!! Call the office if you have any questions....

Stock Show U offered by Sullivan's Supply

Parker County 4-H (Weatherford) will be hosting a Stock Show U clinic for beef project members on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and is free of charge. This clinic focuses on showmanship, feeding, daily hair and animal care, show day grooming, and how to achieve that championship look. Please contact the Extension office before March 31st if you are interested in attending.

4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

We will be having a horse project meeting, immediately following the Challengers 4-H Club meeting on April 11, 2011. There are some new rules about the upcoming local, District, and state horse show we need to discuss. This meeting is **mandatory** if you intend to participate in one of these horse shows. I would also like to encourage anyone interested in participating in the horse project to attend. Please bring your horse papers and/or information for grade horses at this time and we will work on getting them processed during this meeting. Validation for any horse you are planning to use in one of these contests will be due by April 28, 2011. The cost is \$10/horse, the **State office does not accept late entries**. District 3 4-H Horse Show is on June 22-25 in Vernon and State 4-H Horse Show will be July 24-30, 2011 in Abilene

If you have any questions concerning these events, please call the Extension Office.
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Texas 4-H Conference Center

Summer Programs 2011

Which camp
is for you?

Camp	Arrival & Departure	Registration Fee Youth/Adult
Bits, Bytes & Bots	June 6, 2 pm –June 10, 10 am	\$438
Chef AT Camp	June 6, 2 pm—June 10, 3 pm	\$400
Mission Possible	July 6, 2 pm -July 8, 3 pm	\$150
County Camp I	July 6, 1 pm - July 8, 2 pm	\$175/\$90
County Camp II	July 11, 1 pm –July 13, 11 am	\$168/\$80
County Camp III	July 13, 3 pm – July 16, 11 am	\$220/\$105
SpecTra	July 18, 11 am - July 22, 11 am	\$300/\$210
Prime Time I Ages 12-13	July 24, 2 pm –July 27, 10 am	\$220/\$105
Prime Time II Ages 9-11	July 27, 2 pm – July 30, 10 am	\$220/\$105

To register, go to Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu website
Schedule of Events page and click on REGISTER button.